

Public Notice

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Application No. 200401171.

Please address all comments to: Nashville District Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch 3701 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37214

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

SUBJECT: Proposed Community Dock Slips, at Tennessee River Mile 561.5R, Watts Bar Lake, Roane County, Tennessee

TO ALL CONCERNED: The application described below has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit pursuant to **Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.**

APPLICANT: Land Resource Companies

2000 River Edge Parkway, Suite 580

Atlanta, GA 30328

LOCATION: Tennessee River Mile 561.5R, Watts Bar Lake, Roane County, Tennessee

Latitude: 35-50-25 Longitude: 84-36-38 USGS Quad: Bacon Gap, TN

DESCRIPTION: The proposed work consists of the construction of 74 covered boat slips and 40 open boat slips. The slips would measure 24' x 20' with 4' fingers and are designed as double bay docks. Docks would be located in three separate locations as shown on the enclosed map. The northeastern docks would include 40 open slips. The southeastern docks would include 48 covered slips. The third dock location is within Bullet Branch and would consist of 26 covered slips. The northeastern and southeastern slips would extend no more than 30' from Watts Bar NSP elevation of 741.0. Docks would be constructed of Formex Floatation, galvanized truss framing, composite decking board, galvanized uprights and C-channel, with 26gaR panel roofing on the covered slips. The applicant proposes the construction of these slips in order to provide safe moorage for potential homeowners of the subdivision he is currently developing on the adjoining property.

In addition to the work identified above, the applicant has requested that the Corps of Engineers verify additional project activities that meet the criteria for authorization under the Nationwide Permit Program [January 15, 2002, Federal Register (Vol. 67, No. 10, pg.2020)]. Activities would involve the discharge of fill material associated with the construction of a boat launching ramp.

Plans of the proposed work are attached to this notice.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the work must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the work will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition, or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

An Environmental Assessment will be prepared by this office prior to a final decision concerning issuance or denial of the requested Department of the Army Permit.

The National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and no properties listed in or eligible for the National Register are known which would be affected by the proposed work. This review constitutes the full extent of cultural resources investigations unless comment to this notice is received documenting that significant sites or properties exist which may be affected by this work, or that adequately documents that a potential exists for the location of significant sites or properties within the permit area. Copies of this notice are being sent to the office of the State Historic Preservation Officer.

Based on available information, the proposed work will not destroy or endanger any federally-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitats, as identified under the Endangered Species Act. Therefore, we have reached a no effect determination and initiation of

formal consultation procedures with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not planned at this time.

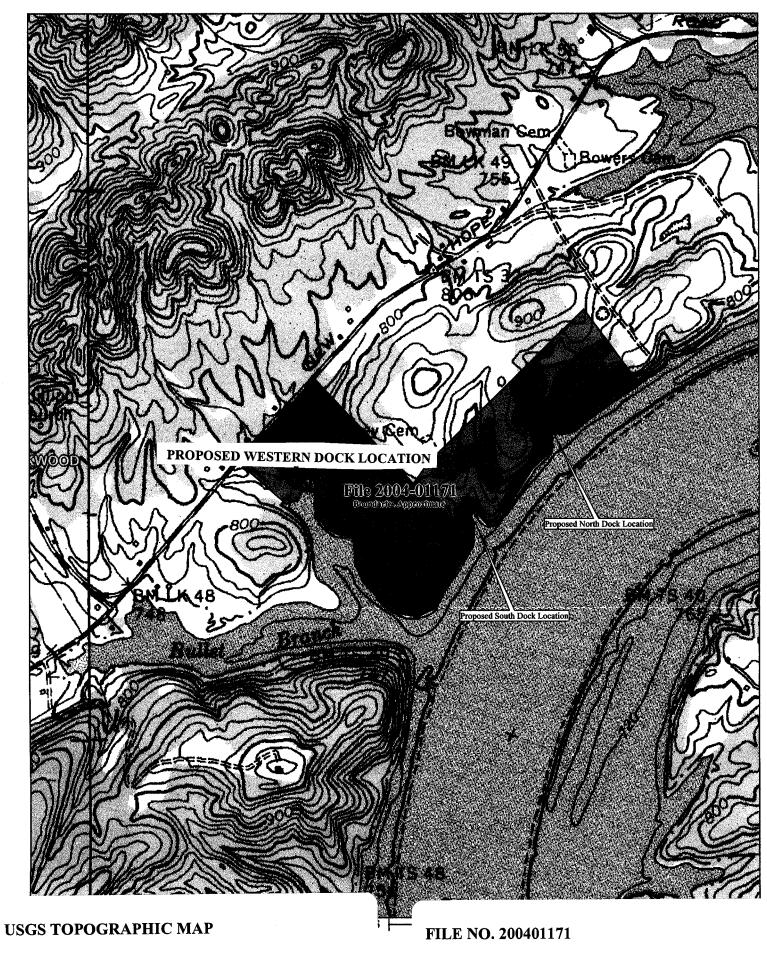
Other federal, state, and/or local approvals required for the proposed work are as follows:

Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) approval under Section 26a of the TVA Act. In addition to other provisions of its approval, TVA would require the applicant to employ best management practices to control erosion and sedimentation, as necessary, to prevent adverse aquatic impacts.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

Written statements received in this office on or before September 20, 2004, will become a part of the record and will be considered in the determination. Any response to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, Attention: Maryellen Farmer, at the above address, telephone (615) 367-7517. It is not necessary to comment separately to TVA since copies of all comments will be sent to that agency and will become part of its record on the proposal. However, if comments are sent to TVA, they should be mailed to:

Tennessee Valley Authority Attn: Mr. Mark Deagnan 2009 Grubb Road Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771-7129



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